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## Statement of Rep. Toni Boucher on House Joint Resolution 96 confirming the nomination of Callen Walsh of Wilton to be a non-voting member of the state Board of Education



Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the nomination of Callen Walsh, "Callie" as she is known to her friends.

Her impressive credentials demonstrate that she has earned a reputation for leadership qualities far beyond her years, and she has earned the respect of her peers.

I am so pleased that she will be taking her expertise and perspective to such an important executive board of the state, a state that is nationally recognized for educational quality.

She will, however, bring much more than her intelligence and energy but also her incredible capacity for goodness and compassion. One of the many awards she has received says it best, "Service Above Self Award," for her work on Project Friendship as a mentor to underprivileged children, at the Alzheimer's Home, reading to the elderly in assisted living, work in Costa Rica and Jamaica working with children.

Connecticut is indeed lucky to have her.